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## Water Users to Receive Notifications of Plans for New Water Districts

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Notifications are being mailed out to hundreds water users informing them of plans to establish new water districts on the East Snake Plain Aquifer and to adjust boundaries of an existing one.

The mailings include a Motion filed by the State in District Court requesting authorization for administration of water rights in the affected areas. This is the first step in the process for the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources to obtain the authority to create or revise water districts and to provide for long-term administration of surface and ground water rights from hydraulically connected sources.

The proposed new water districts are: WD 110, which would be located in parts of Jefferson, Butte, Fremont and Clark Counties on the northern end of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. WD 140 will be located on the southern end of the ESPA mainly in Cassia County. IDWR also plans to extend WD 120 to include areas east of Blackfoot and Idaho falls, and north of Rexburg.

Water right holders who may have questions can call the IDWR hotline: 1-800-451-4129.